

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please delete the centered heading Patent Claims.

Before claim 1, please insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

I Claim:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended): Method for controlling a drink preparation machine (1) for preparing a multiple number of different drink units on a hot-water basis, whereby comprising the steps of withdrawing the hot water for the multiple number of drink units is withdrawn from the same hot water source (8), monitoring and whereby the performance status of the hot water source (8), is monitored and controlling the hot water withdrawal is controlled in such a way that the hot water withdrawal is released for all drink units at a predetermined full performance status (I), is blocked for all drink units at a predetermined zero performance status and, at a predetermined partial performance status (II), is blocked for certain drink units and released for other predetermined drink units.

2. (Currently amended): Method according to Claim 1, wherein characterized in that each performance status is limited by a threshold value (S), whereby and blocking the withdrawal of predetermined drink units is being blocked if this threshold value is fallen below.

3. (Currently amended): Method according to Claim 1, wherein or 2, characterized in that the full performance status (I) is formed as a performance range.

4. (Currently amended): Method according to one of the Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that Claim 3, wherein the partial performance status (II) comprises at least one performance range (II<sub>1</sub>, II<sub>2</sub>).

5. (Currently amended): Method according to one of the Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that Claim 1, and establishing a performance withdrawal value is established for each drink unit, and that deducting this performance withdrawal value is deducted from the current performance status with each withdrawal.

6. (Currently amended): Method according to ~~one of the Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that Claim 1, and heating up~~ the hot water ~~is heated up~~ synchronously with the withdrawal.